

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 1256 because of the following objections:

Currently, the state is liable and pays the damages for a state employee who is found guilty of a negligent act or of the deprivation of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Constitution. This bill would provide that the state is also liable for damages for a medical or psychological consultant or social psychotherapist under contract to the state who is found guilty of negligence or deprivation of a person's constitutional rights. The Legislature itself created a few years ago the so called profession of social psychotherapy, and now the Legislature wants to pay for damages social psychotherapists may incur as listed above when under contract to the state. This bill if enacted would of course open the door to include even more groups in the future. I can see no reason why social psychotherapists need this special treatment, and I therefore veto Senate Bill 1256.

Respectfully,

H. P. Clements